

# Abbotsham Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the Abbotsham Parish Council held on Tuesday 06 September 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Old School Rooms, Abbotsham

## 1. Apologies

- 1.1 Apologies for absence – Paul Street, Graham White
- 1.2 Items raised by members of public - none

## 2. Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda and Minutes

- 2.1 Declarations of interest by Councillors - none
- 2.2 Minutes of previous meeting held on 26 July 2016
  - 2.2.1.1 Matters arising – Highways Junction from T Junction where Kenwith lead to Buckleigh Road – no signage and 3 serious accidents have happened, only sign is SLOW (triangle) needs advance warning, road signage gone as car ploughed into direction signs

## 3. Report by Councillor Robin Julian

£92 - £95000 to cover potholes/road repairs in each village. Send 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> options on road that need repair potholes – Signs for Kenwith/Buckleigh junction, Little Redford to Greycliff, Lake to Cornborough Road (to be emailed by end of play tomorrow).

NDD Hospital – recognised by county that Barnstaple is a special case. Not sure if there is funding to get new doctors there. Swell of opinion should help to retain it.

Air Ambulance – funding to Bideford Football Club and Buckland Brewer new sports centre for landing areas

Will provide £300 towards defibrillator for village

## 4. Report by Councillor Alison Boyle

Provided verbal report followed by this written summary:-

I referred to the conversations I had had with Chris Dobbs TDC regarding the division of Kenwith Castle between two districts, the main part being in Kenwith with the other part being in a Bideford Ward. I reminded the meeting that I had had discussions with the member of that ward, Councillor Langton-Locke, and he had agreed that the Bideford section should come into Kenwith but the officer had explained that it was not possible to move boundaries where the sites do not lie within the same parish.

For example, moves can be made between Northam and Appledore because they both lie in the Northam ward.

A Task and Finish group had been set up by TDC members and that was set to put forward its proposals but an email came but on 6th September from The Boundary Commission with new proposals for the electoral arrangement for TDC. The number of councillors would remain the same but instead of 23 wards there would only now be 16. For our area these would be one each for Bideford South, North, East and

West; Appledore; Northam and Kenwith would be part of the new Monkleigh and Putford Ward, with Parkham being put into Hartland. I was horrified.

The Boundary Commission are opening consultation until 31st October and have given the following links:-

<http://www.lgbce.org.uk>

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Please respond to this. A presentation will be given at Full Council 12th September 18.00 hrs at Bideford Town Hall for anyone who could come along.

## **5. Planning**

- 5.1** 1/0634/2016/FULM – 27 units of close care units in association with existing care and nursing facility at Kenwith Castle for Chichester Homes Developments Ltd – Concerns on visibility coming out from main entrance and feel that improvements should be made to splays, point out that drain in existing road does cause flooding when blocked, Service centre does not seem to be big enough, Concern if any construction traffic were to come through village, would request developer to request construction traffic to come in from Westward Ho! Junction, residents of estate request that pumping station is enlarged to cope with increased capacity.
- 5.2** 1/0783/2016/FUL – Variation of condition 2 of planning permission 1/0164/2016/FUL – amended design – Pig on the Hill, Westward Ho! For Tarka Enterprises Ltd – no objections

## **6. Clerks Report**

- 6.1** Boundary changes for Kenwith Gardens – as dealt with in Cllr Boyle's report
- 6.2** Road traffic closures/work – closures don't seem to be happening
- 6.3** TAP funding – could we use it for hedging and tree maintenance, village hall improvements. Contact Alwington and Littleham to suggest these uses
- 6.4** Overflow car park, The Big Sheep – used more regularly, visibility is poor and mud carried onto the road. Nick to provide dates during August

## **7. Chairs Report**

- 7.1** VIPS/maintenance in the Village – nothing been done this month. Weed spray been done. Some lopping needed to trees once leaves done, Area in Rocky Lane needs channel digging out to allow drainage to ditch to stream, continuation of maintenance to verges in St Helens
- 7.2** Post office closure – Hartland PO will be offering service in village hall on Wednesday and Friday mornings (subject to Post master being approved at interview). Matt from post offices has contacted Jenna to arrange electrics etc.

## **8. Finance**

- 8.1** Submission of Audit Commission
  - 8.1.1** Annual Governance statement 2015/16 – agreed and signed by chair and clerk
  - 8.1.2** Accounting statements 2015/16 – recorded information agreed and signed by chair

## **9. Correspondence**

- 9.1 Round Robin Items – emails sent  
Police commission survey – individuals replying.

## **10. Any Other Business**

- 10.1 Report from PCSO - Unfortunately I am unable to make the parish meeting tomorrow night. Please pass on my apologies.

In the last 3 months there has been 3 crimes in the parish of Abbotsham.

1 x owner/person in charge of a dog dangerously out of control.  
1 x communications offence. This was where someone phoned pretending to be the tax office and was intimidating towards the victim. Fortunately no money was handed over.

1 x drugs offences. The offender for this is not from the village and was stopped while driving through the parish

- 10.2 Philip has painted line keeping traffic away from The Old School - Should there be marked out parking spaces – general consensus was no as it may encourage reversing onto road. Did however feel a marked 'path' was ok.
- 10.3 Horseriders concerned that bridleway is overgrown – owners Rick on one side and Portledge on other side

## **11. Items raised by Councillors for inclusion on the next agenda**